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IN VIEW KHRUSHCHEV'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY THAT SOVIETS
PREPARING DOCUMENT ON GERMAN SITUATION PRESUME NO
IMMEDIATE ACTION CALLED FOR BY THREE AMBASSADORS HERE.
SHOULD SUCH BE DECIDED UPON IN FUTURE WISH DRAW DEPARTMENT'S
ATTENTION TO FACT THAT GROMYKO IS LIKELY TO REFUSE TO
RECEIVE THREE WESTERN AMBASSADORS TOGETHER AND IN ANY
EVENT URGE THAT ANY DEMARCHE HERE BE MADE IN WRITING IN
ORDER AVOID ANY POSSIBLE DIFFERENCE IN PRESENTATION OR
INTERPRETATION.

WITH RESPECT JOXE SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE SOVIET WITHDRAWAL,
WE HAVE CONSIDERED THAT WITHDRAWAL FROM EAST BERLIN LIKELY
POSSIBILITY AND WOULD NOT ENTIRELY EXCLUDE AT LEAST AN
UNDERTAKING IN FUTURE TO WITHDRAW UNILATERALLY FROM EAST
GERMANY ENTIRELY. LATTER WOULD DEPEND ON SITUATION IN
EAST GERMANY WHICH I SHOULD THINK WOULD MAKE SUCH ACTION
TOO DANGEROUS FOR SOVIETS TO CONSIDER.

RE BONN TEL 104 I CANNOT UNDERSTAND BRITISH REASONING THAT
OUR OPERATION OF LITTLE AIRLIFT WOULD PUT SOVIETS AND GDR
IN DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. ONCE WE HAVE ACCEPTED DE
FACTO EAST GERMAN CONTROL OF LAND COMMUNICATIONS SOVIETS
WOULD HAVE TO LARGE EXTENT DISENGAGED THEIR RESPONSIBILITY
AND I SHOULD THINK SUBSEQUENT POSSIBILITIES OF EAST GERMANS
TO HARASS WEST BERLIN WOULD BE GREATER THAN ANY COUNTER-
MEASURES WEST BERLIN COULD TAKE. WOULD APPEAR TO BE
IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRESENT SITUATION AND THAT

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WHICH OCCASIONED LAST AIRLIFT.

IF, AS I BELIEVE, KHRUSHCHEV IS AIMING AT FORCING HIGH
LEVEL TALKS ON GERMAN SITUATION SUGGEST WE SHOULD BEGIN
NOW TO DEVELOP COORDINATE WESTERN POSITION.

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